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DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

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On Saturday, September 29, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Burbank Police Department will be partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration to provide the public with an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous prescription drugs. The public will be able to drop off their expired, unused, and unwanted pills at the Burbank Police station, in the rear parking lot, free of charge, and no questions asked. By doing so, they will be helping prevent drug abuse and theft.

The American people have again responded overwhelmingly to the most recent DEA-led National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. On April 28th, citizens turned in a record-breaking 552,161 pounds (276 tons) of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal at the 5,659 take-back sites that were available in all 50 states and U.S. territories. When the results of the four Take-Back Days to date are combined, the DEA and its state, local, and tribal law-enforcement and community partners have removed over 1.5 million pounds (774 tons) of medication from circulation.

Prescription drugs that languish in the home are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse, creating a public health crisis. The rate of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. today is at an alarmingly high level – two-and-a-half times more people currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, and inhalants *combined*, according to the recently released [2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health \(NSDUH\)](#).

The public can find a nearby collection site by visiting www.dea.gov and clicking the "Got Drugs?" banner, which links to a database where they can enter their zip code. The Burbank Police station will have a collection container available from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, September 29, 2012, in the parking lot to the rear of the station.

Questions regarding this statement may be directed to
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